

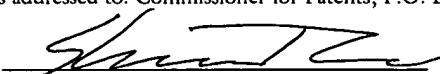


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For: CONJUGATES OF CHEMICALLY DEFINED
NON-POLYMERIC VALENCY PLATFORM
MOLECULES AND BIOLOGICALLY
ACTIVE MOLECULES (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003 (Paper No. 22) for which a response was due on October 3, 2003 and for which a three month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from October 3, 2003 to January 3, 2004. January 3, 2004 falls on a Saturday, allowing Applicants to submit this response on Monday, January 5, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.

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